

PELLUCIDAR

A Journal of Postal Diplomacy

PELLUCIDAR #3

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No matter what you may have heard elsewhere, this IS the third ish of PELLUCIDAR, being sent to you with much labor & cursing from the Wolflair, also known as DIRIGO PRESS. Games of regular and variant Diplomacy* run amok within. Or is that amuck? This is DIRIGO PRESS publication #12. Subs are 15/\$2, period. Gamefees are \$5 with one exception, the IDA game (#4). The GM's are myself and Tom Eller. Send money to: Burt Labelle

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Much to say, but very little ambition at this particular time. The reasons are easy to pinpoint. a) holiday season, and b) this is 3rd shift month, which does absolutely nothing for my morale, altho Ray Bowers says he wouldn't work any other shift. To each his own.

Before I forget, the circulation stats: PELLUCIDAR over 60
DIRIGO PRESS exactly 90.

Last issue I tried a different approach to the complimentary mailing scene. I sent out 30 or so copies to the Michigan Organized Wargamer group, and also hit all the people playing Hyperec. I can now honestly not recommend this to anyone else. The total result out of those 50 copies was: One MOW player joined a game, and no one from either section subbed, which was the idea. So if you want to waste \$5-\$10, by all means try this approach.

The present status of the games:

#1 (1972EA)-filled & started.

#2 (1972ET)-filled & started.

#3 four paid & registered-B.Riepl, A.Schleinkofer, D.Dick, D.Bergeron.

#4 IDA game(fee \$4 for members)three paid & registered-J.Moriarty, P.Lancaster, and J.Massar.

#5 two paid & registered-R.Bergeron, and G. Hollingsworth (Doug's brother).

#6 the Youngstown Variant-paid & registered-D. Scott, C. Hilliker. not paid but registered-B.Cusack, V.Ricci, D. Hodge. (note: the YV maps are completed, and I have a few extra besides. If you are going to enter the YV game, they are paid for with your gamefee. If anyone desires a copy for other purposes, 32¢ in stamps will buy one. The map consists of a total of 7 pages.)

Comments on the games and other stuff: Altho they are filling at a slow rate still, it appears that all the game openings in PELLUCIDAR will be gone within the next two issues. The only one that is really having problems is the YV game, and with 10 players needed, this is

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to be expected. May I suggest to the people who are planning to play in this game that you make some sort of effort to enlist others you think might be interested in playing in the YV, otherwise it will be a long time starting. Also, many of you send in your gamefees and immediately expect to be mailed the house rules. This is fine, but not the way I work it. When, and only then, a game is finally about to begin do I send out the house rules and the results of the country preference lists. What anyone out there thinks about this method interests me not; it saves paperwork and is orderly, that is my reason for it. Also, many of you will be receiving this for the first time as your gamefees were paid by others for various reasons. May I suggest at this time that you send in your country preference list and also a short outline of yourself if you desire to do so. If you do not desire a country preference list, simply state this.

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WINTER CON I...

will be held on the third floor of Walker Memorial on the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA on 13 Jan 73. If blizzard conditions prevail, the convention will not be held on the 20th, contrary to prior announcements. All money will be refunded. The cost is \$2 preregistered, and \$3 if you pay at the door.

Burt here....This should be a good convention. I am taking some time off to attend it. There will be a Stalingrad tournament, a gathering of Dippy freaks which should include Tom Eller, John Hendry, and Edi Birsan besides the infamous 2nd place man, me. Also, the NEWA will be there with their miniatures banging heads. Guest speaker scheduled is James P. Dunnigan, who has made a few games in his time. At moment. \$50 in prizes are up for grabs. I have only touched upon the many events that are planned, and I'll put my neck on the line and say that there will be quite a crowd there, minus bad weather, that is. Anyone besides John Hendry who happens to live between here and MIT desiring a quick lift to the convention, feel free to call me and we'll see if I can fit you in. Even if you're not going, don't be greedy, tell a chum about it. Maybe he can wrangle his way there. See you in Jan.

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Quick note re above: it has just struck me that a free Diplomacy game donated to the above convention as one of the prizes would be a gesture of no small magnitude. Mr. Moot? (I'll bet John is at times less than happy by being constantly coerced for games like this.) Well, it's just an idea, and the convention IS in Boston.

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The McGovern freaks are back at it again. Once in a great while I do manage to think of that saying, if you can't say something good then shut up. Therefore, in reply to sick Georgie's troops: silence.

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For a good report on what some of the things are that are really wrong with the real world and country, and not just ravings against the office of the President, see the latest issue of IMPASSABLE and the editorial "The World is a Better Place" in the same issue. Good work.

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1972EA
Game #1

Fall 1901

RUSSIANS FLYING HIGH ON VODKA, MAKE IT
ON SECOND TRY. ITALY FAKES OUT FRANCE, AUSTRIA
FAKES OUT ITALY, GERMANY ALMOST FAKES OUT ENGLAND,
AND GM STABS INDEX FINGER WITH LETTER OPENER.

AUSTRIA (Cusack): F Albania-Greece, A Serbia S A Albania-Greece,
A Vienna-Trieste.
ENGLAND (Boler): F Norwegian Sea C A Edinburgh-Norway, A Edinburgh-
Norway, F North Sea-Belgium.
FRANCE (Bowers): F Mid Atlantic-Portugal, A Marseilles-Spain,
A Burgundy-Marseilles.
GERMANY (Greer): F Denmark-North Sea, A Kiel-Holland, A Ruhr-Belgium.
ITALY (Truman): A Venice-Trieste, A Piedmont-Tyrolia, F Tyrrhenian Sea-
Tunis.
RUSSIA (Pitsch): F Gulf of Bothnia-Sweden, F Rumania H, A Warsaw-
Galacia, A Ukraine S A Warsaw-Galacia.
TURKEY (Hollingsworth): F Constantinople-Aegean Sea, A Bulgaria-Greece,
A Ankara-Smyrna.

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1901 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA (Cusack): Home, Serbia, Greece, 3/5 Build Two.
ENGLAND (Boler): Home, Norway, 3/4 Build One.
FRANCE (Bowers): Home, Spain, Portugal, 3/5 Build Two.
GERMANY (Greer): Home, Denmark, Holland, 3/5 Build Two.
ITALY (Truman): Home, Tunis, 3/4 Build One.
RUSSIA (Pitsch): Home, Sweden, Rumania, 4/6 Build Two.
TURKEY (Hollingsworth): Home, Bulgaria, 3/4 Build One.

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WINTER 1901 Builds are due upon reception of this issue, that is,
IMMEDIATELY. Results of the builds will be forwarded to all players
in 72EA by carbon copy, and reprinted in the Spring. Spring 1902
Orders are due 20 Jan 1973.

72EA Press.....

CONSTANTINOPLE...(The Infidel).Have you noticed that games seem to
have personalities? I am in one game that is noteworthy for its
mental errors. Scarcely a turn goes by without someone missing a
deadline, making an impossible move, or an order that is clearly
ill-judged. Another game is a silent one-a one sentence letter on
a postcard is an event. This is shaping up as a nervous game, every-
one seems to be confirming and reconfirming alliances, making and
revising orders. What do the rest of you think?

BARAD FOREST...I don't know about the rest of them, but I'm sure
curious to find out how you knew most people had changed their orders
at least once. Not all, but most.

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More propaganda on the following pages. Also, there should be a
Beyerlein Player Poll Ballot (#5) on the end of this issue. You will
make it out and make others happy and you will enjoy it! Achtung!
Der Fuhrer recommends both the BPP and DIRIGO PRESS products as a
repellant to British bomber raids.

1972EA Press.....

VIENNA...The Austrian Government watches with interest the developments in the rest of Europe, especially in Scandinavia and Piedmont. The invasion of Norway by English forces and their possible support from German naval units in Denmark constitute grave menaces to Russian units attempting to gain unilateral control of Scandinavia. Let it be known that whosoever shows direct aggression against the Russians can be considered allies of the Austrian people. Death to the Czar!

Budapest...Negotiations between Austrian and Turkish delegates have been going smoothly for the last few months, and delegates from Serbia and Bulgaria have joined the conferences. They are attempting to further cement the cause against the Russian invasion of Rumania and Galacia.

TRIESTE...Units have been sent here to provide a deterrent to any "trigger happy" Italians who "accidentally" slip over the border.

DENMARK...(Copenhagen, June 30 1901) The battle tug Umek Mesek left here today in order to find out whence came the slimy foam which has covered the "Little Mermaid" during each of the last few high tides. The first leg of the route will be northward as the green slime can be seen in that direction.

BERLIN...(July 5 1901) In today's Berlin Post, columnist Fritz Anderssen claims to have intercepted wireless communication from Umek Mesek. The foam which covered the "Little Mermaid" is Limey shaving lotion, brand unknown. The government had no comment on the matter. It did say that the tug had been ordered back to Copenhagen.

DENMARK...(Copenhagen, July 31 1901) Concern is growing here over the fate of the overdue battle tug Umek Mesek. The Russians deny any knowledge of the boat or of the slime which it is investigating. If this is true, the slime is not found on the east coast of Sweden where the Red Fleet is on maneuvers. "It must have floated through the Skagerrak." Vice Admiral Shenkenstipp could not be reached for comment.

BARAD FOREST...I realize that we are allowed quite a bit of "poetic license" when writing press releases, but a "Red Fleet" in 1901 is a bit hard to swallow. Perhaps "White Fleet" would be more apropos for approximately 16 or so more game years.

SOFIA...(via Constantinople) Russia is surrounded by enemies.

Maybe Donald had better surrender now and save himself a lot of agony.

ROME...Only the gullability of an Austrian exceeds the sneakiness of an Italian. Merry Christmas!

BARAD FOREST...plus four gullabulls for the Austrian, minus ten sneakies for the Wop.

MOSCOW...Czar Donovapitschsky announced today that he is troubled over the situation which has developed along the Southwestern frontier. "We do not want war, only piece", (((Groan...BRL))) some of our announcers have interpreted this to mean a piece of Austria. At any rate he has been corresponding with Italian and Turkish forces to see if a favorable arrangement can be made to eliminate a common problem. He may succeed.

PARIS...(November 28 1901) France's beloved ruler, Emperor Le Booze, rekowned as the "Ol Sot", nearly stopped drinking today. The French Department of Agriculture announced that due to the uprising in Portugal and Spain, those nations had ceased shipments of wines and olives to France. This serious development brought an immediate response from Le Booze. "Shay, how do they eshpeck me to drink Martinish without olivsh?" "Phooey on the world reaction, send my personal advisors to them, keep those wines and olives coming in."

PARIS...(November 30 1901) In a rare mood of sobriety, Le Booze announced that regardless of any Italian-German agreement, this nation will not resond to threats. Under no circumstances will Francee recognize any Italian elaims in Iberia. Any movement by that nation towards that area will result in France's glorious leader drinking Italy's second class wines. We say second class, as the entire world knows the best wines come from France. Germany is advised to take note of this as Le Booze has a fondness for German beer.

PARIS...(December 2 1901) Le Booze has sent his Minister of Financee to Barad Forest with an undisclosed amount of currency. The minister was overheard to mutter "a rather swift, effortless. and effective occupation of Italy!?"

LONDON...(War Office, White Hall) The British Empire has of this date Dec 7 1901, concluded a defence treaty with the Empire of Francee. Details of this Treaty between our peoples is of a confidential nature, but the broad outlines state that aggression against either will be met by the defence of both. We are not happy to announce that Berlin and St. Petersburg have taken a threatening stance toward us, we wish to warn that our anger, tho slow to boil, is even slower to cool. Signed: Charles III Rex.

BARAD FOREST...I was hoping you'd write a press release, Chuck, so I could tear it to shreds, hch-heh. A common practice of GM's, you see. Not this time, tho, ho-ho. Mebbe later on.....

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Players in 72EA please note that Dave Truman's complete address is as follows: 131 Dunn Ave. Apt 306

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And another player profile for this game: Ray Bowers is 28 years old, a computer programmer, and a third shift supervisor of these said activities at local Missouri El Banko. Ray has been a wargamer since 1962, and has played Diplomacy since 1969. He has published his own zine close to 2 years now. Playing in 7 or 8 games at the moment, soon to become 2 or 3. And, to quote Ray, alas, how fleeting is the goal of victory.

Dave Truman- is 21 years old, and the holder of an "Hon.B.Sc." from University of Guelph. (I think that is samo-samo as B.S. for us, but I'm not sure.) He is employed as a methods analyst. Dave is in 4 Diplomacy games of which this is one, and his first one at that.

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1972ET
Game #2

Spring
1901

TURKS DO NASTY ON RUSSIA, ARMY
BREMERTON-FLAGSTAFF, (OR IS IT MUNICH?)
THIS MAST HEAD BROUGHT TO YOU COMPLIMENTS OF
B. LABELLE, WHO IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DOING IT.
GET WITH IT, ELLER!

AUSTRIA (HODGE): A Vienna H, A Budapest-Serbia, F Trieste-Albania.

ENGLAND (Rand): F London-Noth Sea, F Edinburgh-Norwegian, A Liverpool-Edinburgh.

FRANCE (Cressey): A Paris-Burgundy, A Marseilles S A Paris-Burgundy, F Brest-Mid Atlantic.

GERMANY (Drews): A Munich-Ruhr, F Kiel-Denmark, A Berlin-Kiel.

ITALY (Thorne): A Venice-Tyrolia, A Rome-Venice, F Naples-Ionian Sea.

RUSSIA (Valencourt): F St. Petersburg sc-Finland, A Moscow- St. Petersburg, A Warsaw-Ukraine, F Sevastopol-Rumania.

TURKEY (Stevens): A Constantinople-Bulgaria, F. Ankara-Black Sea, A Smyrna-Armenia.

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Fall 1901 moves are due 17 Jan 73 to Tom Eller. You all got it right the first time, so I don't suppose I'll have to be telling you to send them to Tom instead of me, will I? OK, I'll try not to say it again in this game.... No press, as there was a bit of a hang up in this game this season.....

ANTARES #5 will be out somewhere between the 10th and the end of Jan. which means it will not hit your mailbox until late Feb. for sure. With only one article submitted to date, it is not going to be a barnburner, but then who cares?

This is not one heck of a good issue, but then I suppose each issue reflects the mood of the publisher, so you can imagine the cheeful spirits I'm in as I make this up. bah. humbug.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;"

-Shakespeare

"For he who fights and runs away
May live to fight another day;
But he who is in battle slain
Can never rise and fight again."

-Oliver Goldsmith.

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BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL BALLOT #5

The Beyerlein Player Poll (BPP) is a poll of the Postal Diplomacy community to determine the best currently-active players in Postal Diplomacy. Any Postal Diplomacy player, gamesmaster, editor, or publisher may cast his/her ballot for the top 14 (from #1 to #14) currently-active Postal Diplomacy players.

Points Are given as follows: 1st place - 20 points, 2nd place - 17 pts, 3rd - 15, 4th - 13, 5th - 11, 6th - 9, 7th - 8, etc. The points are then summed for each player and the top 14 players listed by point totals. Results will be published in all interested zines.

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Thank you.

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